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SUBJECT: CCD - CONSULTATIONS WITH SWEDEN

1. MARTIN (US) AND THORSSON (SWEDEN) MET WEDNESDAY, FEB 18, TO REVIEW MATTERS BEFORE CCD.

2. CCD PROCEDURES. THORSSON SAID SWEDEN WAS GRATIFIED AT US INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES. SHE ASKED WHETHER REVIEW WOULD BE "UNPREJUDICED"--I E, UNRESTRICTED IN SCOPE. MARTIN REPLIED THAT ALL PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT US CONSIDERED EXISTING PROCEDURES ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE, AND CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE LIMITED SIZE, CONSENSUS PROCEDURE, AND EXISTING FLEXIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO UN. THORSSON SAID SHE AGREED WITH ALL THESE POINTS. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO CONSIDER THE INSTITUTION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SINCE, SHE WAS CONVINCED, ONE MAJOR POWER (FRANCE) WAS STAYING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF THAT INSTITUTION. SHE ALSO

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CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO DECIDE ON THE QUESTION OF

THE CCD'S REPORT TO THE UNGA, WHICH SHE SAID SHOULD IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE MAJOR PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS.

3. CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THORSSON ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PROSPECT FOR CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE US-SOVIET COMMITMENT TO CONSIDER A JOINT CCD INITIATIVE ON CW. MARTIN NOTED THAT STUDY WAS CONTINUING BUT SOLUTIONS HAD NOT BEEN FOUND TO DIFFICULT PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN VERIFICATION. HE SAID US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GENUINELY IMAGINATIVE IDEAS ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS VERIFICATION OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION. THORSSON SAID SWEDEN RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME AND CONSIDERED IT WAS TIME FOR CCD TO RESUME ACTIVE WORK IN CW ISSUES.

5. MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CTB. THORSSON SAID SWEDES WANTED TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CTB DURING LAST WEEK OF APRIL. THEY DID NOT WANT TO POSTPONE MEETINGS TO SUMMER SESSION IN VIEW OF ITS ANTICIPATED HEAVY WORKLOAD. MARTIN POINTED OUT NEED FOR TIME BETWEEN SESSIONS TO PREPARE FOR ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS IN SUMMER SESSION AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT FURTHER ON QUESTION OF EXTENDING SPRING SESSION UNTIL END OF APRIL.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION. THORSSON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US STATEMENT ON ENMOD ISSUES IN OPENING CCD STATEMENT AND SAID SWEDEN WOULD CIRCULATE SWEDISH VIEWS EXPRESSED AT UNGA AS CCD WORKING PAPER. SHE EMPHASIZED UNACCEPTABILITY TO SWEDEN OF COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE INVOLVING SECURITY COUNCIL AND THUS POSSIBLE VETOS BY PERMANENT MEMBERS, AND WARNED THAT THIS ATTITUDE WAS WIDESPREAD. DALE

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